

**Status of the claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
  - an effective amount of amlodipine;
  - an effective amount of a substantially pure form of hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite; and
  - a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent,wherein the effective amounts of amlodipine and hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite synergistically inhibit lipid peroxidation in human low density lipoprotein or lipid membrane to achieve a therapeutic effect.
2. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the amlodipine is provided as an effective derivative of amlodipine.
3. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 wherein the therapeutically effective derivative of amlodipine comprises amlodipine besylate.
4. (Previously amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein said amounts of amlodipine and hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite are coordinated to synergistically inhibit lipid peroxidation to the extent necessary to achieve the therapeutic effect of reducing the risk of arterial and related heart disease.
5. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4 wherein said arterial and related heart disease is selected from the group consisting of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, atherosclerosis, arteriosclerosis, coronary artery disease, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, stroke, and angina pectoris.

6. (Previously amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein said amounts of amlodipine and hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite are coordinated to synergistically inhibit lipid peroxidation.

7- 28. (Canceled)

Claims 29-56 (Withdrawn)

57. (Presently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
an amount of amlodipine;  
an amount of a substantially pure form of hydroxylated atorvastatin  
metabolite; and  
a pharmaceutically effective carriers or diluents.

Claims 60-62 (Withdrawn)

63. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
an effective amount of amlodipine;  
an effective amount of a substantially pure form of hydroxylated  
atorvastatin metabolite; and  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent;  
wherein said effective amounts of amlodipine and hydroxylated atorvastatin  
metabolite are selected such that a synergistic antioxidant effect is achieved.

64. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
an effective amount of amlodipine;

an effective amount of a substantially pure form of hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent;

wherein said effective amounts of amlodipine and hydroxylated atorvastatin metabolite are selected such that a synergistic inhibition of lipid peroxidation is achieved.

65. (Previously amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 64 wherein said selection is further coordinated for achieving a synergistic antioxidant effect.

66. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 63, wherein said composition is used to treat atherosclerosis.

67. (Previously presented) The pharmaceuticals composition of claim 66, wherein said atherosclerosis involves diseases selected from the group consisting of myocardial infarction, stroke, transient ischemic attack, coronary heart disease and a combination thereof.

68. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 63 further comprising an effective amount of endogenous and/or exogenous antioxidant.